IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

POWER TOOL SPECIALISTS, INC., Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 05-30192 -MAF
v.)
BLACK & DECKER, INC., and BLACK & DECKER (U.S.), INC.)))
Defendants.))

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Power Tool Specialists, Inc. (hereinafter "Plaintiff") brings this Action for trademark infringement and unfair competition against Defendants Black & Decker, Inc., and Black & Decker (U.S.), Inc. (collectively hereinafter referred to as "Defendants"). For its Complaint, Plaintiff alleges:

The Parties

- 1. Plaintiff is a corporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and has a principal place of business at 3 Craftsman Road, East Windsor, Connecticut 06088.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Black & Decker, Inc. is a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 1207 Drummond Plaza, Newark, Delaware 19711.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Black & Decker (U.S.), Inc. is a corporation of the State of Maryland, having a place of business at 701 East Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland 21286.

<u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>

- 4. Jurisdiction of this Court with respect to the claims set forth herein arises under the Trademark Laws of the United States, as set forth in Title 15, United States Code; and for the related claims of unfair competition, false designation of origin under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)) and Mass. Gen. Laws c. 93A, § 1 *et seq.* This Court also has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1332, as the matter in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) and arises between an entity of this state and an entity of another state. The Court also has jurisdiction pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) and (b), and under the doctrine of supplemental and pendant jurisdiction.
 - 5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(a).

Background Facts Common to All Counts

- 6. Plaintiff is, and has been at all times relevant to the matters alleged in this Complaint, engaged in the business of providing bench and stationary power tools marketed under the TRADESMAN Brand Name.
- 7. In recognition of the distinctive quality of the TRADESMAN mark, the United States Patent and Trademark Office has granted United States Trademark Registration No. 1,565,504 for the TRADESMAN mark. (See Exhibit A).

- In recognition of the distinctive quality of the TRADESMAN mark, the 8. United States Patent and Trademark Office has granted United States Trademark Registration No. 2,205,373 for the TRADESMAN mark. (See Exhibit B).
- 9. U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,565,504 and 2,205,373 for TRADESMAN are in full force and effect, and Plaintiff is the owner of the trademarks, the registrations therefor and the goodwill associated therewith.
- 10. U.S. Trademark Registration No. 1,565,504 has achieved incontestable status pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1065.
- 11. Each of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,565,504 and 2,205,373 is prima facie evidence of the validity of the registration, of Plaintiff's ownership of the TRADESMAN mark, and of Plaintiff's exclusive right to use the TRADESMAN mark in commerce on the types of goods identified in the Registrations, as provided in 15 U.S.C. §§ 1057(b) and 1115(a).
- 12. U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,565,504 and 2,205,373 are constructive notice of Plaintiff's claim of ownership of the TRADESMAN mark pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1072.

- 13. Plaintiff also has pending trademark applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office directed to the term "TRADESMAN". All of the foregoing marks, including the marks registered in U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,565,504 and 2,205,373, are collectively referred to hereinafter as the "TRADESMAN" marks".
- 14. Plaintiff has expended considerable time, money and effort in developing, advertising and promoting the TRADESMAN marks to acquire the goodwill associated therewith. Plaintiff has made such investment to cause consumers to recognize the TRADESMAN marks as distinctly designating Plaintiff's products as originating and otherwise being affiliated with Plaintiff in order to further develop and trade upon the goodwill associated with the TRADESMAN marks.
- 15. The TRADESMAN marks have acquired secondary meaning in the mind of the public which equates the marks with Plaintiff and Plaintiff's products.
- 16. Plaintiff has expended considerable time, money and effort in enforcing its rights in the TRADESMAN marks against other companies using, or attempting to use, the TRADESMAN marks in connection with goods and services identical to and/or confusingly similar to those goods with which Plaintiff uses its TRADESMAN marks.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Defendants are engaged in the business of manufacturing, marketing and distributing power tools and machines for use in applications including sawing, drilling, planing, routing, finishing, grinding, sanding, fastening and nailing.

- 18. Defendants have used, and upon information and belief, continue to use the TRADESMAN marks on their products, including drills, drill bits, and drill accessories.
- 19. Defendants have not received authorization from Plaintiff to use the TRADESMAN marks.
- 20. Notwithstanding Plaintiff's continuous and exclusive use and promotion of the TRADESMAN marks, Defendants have appropriated for their own benefit and use the TRADESMAN marks in connection with products identical or substantially identical to Plaintiff's products, including power tools, for sales and promotions which target the same class of customers.
- 21. Defendants continue to use the TRADESMAN marks, including with respect to power tools identical and/or confusingly similar to Plaintiff's products.

Count I

Federal Trademark Infringement - U.S. Registration No. 1,565,504

- 22. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1-21 inclusive, and incorporates those paragraphs by reference herein.
- 23. The unauthorized use by Defendants of a product designation confusingly similar to Plaintiff's federally registered TRADESMAN marks, namely U.S. Trademark Registration No. 1,565,504 (Exhibit A), in connection with products identical to or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN product line is likely to cause

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confusion, mistake, or deception, as to the source or origin of the services, and as such infringes upon Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

- 24. Upon information and belief, Defendants' use and misappropriation of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks in connection with products identical and/or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN product line is part of a deliberate plan of Defendants to trade on the valuable goodwill and reputation established by Plaintiff in the TRADESMAN marks and, as such, the infringement is willful.
- 25. The unauthorized use by Defendants of a mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks to advertise and promote products identical to and/or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and/or deception as to the source or origin of the products provided by Defendants, and as such infringes Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114 and 1116.
- 26. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the TRADESMAN marks, Plaintiff has been damaged and will continue to be damaged in an amount that cannot be presently ascertained or adequately compensated for in money damages, and will suffer further injury and irreparable harm unless and until Defendants' acts of infringement are enjoined.

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Count II

<u>Federal Trademark Infringement – U.S. Registration No. 2,205,373</u>

- 27. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1-26 inclusive, and incorporates those paragraphs by reference herein.
- 28. The unauthorized use by Defendants of a product designation confusingly similar to Plaintiff's federally registered TRADESMAN marks, namely U.S. Trademark Registration No. 2,205,373 (Exhibit B), in connection with products identical to or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN product line is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception, as to the source or origin of the services, and as such infringes upon Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1114.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Defendants' use and misappropriation of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks in connection with products identical and/or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN product line is part of a deliberate plan of Defendants to trade on the valuable goodwill and reputation established by Plaintiff in the TRADESMAN marks and, as such, the infringement is willful.
- 30. The unauthorized use by Defendants of a mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks to advertise and promote products identical to and/or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and/or deception as to the source or origin of the products provided by Defendants, and as such infringes Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114 and 1116.

31. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the TRADESMAN mark, Plaintiff has been damaged and will continue to be damaged in an amount that cannot be presently ascertained or adequately compensated for in money damages, and will suffer further injury and irreparable harm unless and until Defendants' acts of infringement are enjoined.

Count III

<u>Lanham Act Violations - False Designation of Origin and False Advertising</u>

- 32. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1-31 inclusive, and incorporates those paragraphs by reference herein.
 - 33. This count arises under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)).
- 34. Plaintiff has developed substantial goodwill and customer recognition in its TRADESMAN product line through extensive promotion and advertising.
- 35. Upon information and belief, Defendants have had prior notice of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks.
- 36. Defendants' use of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks to identify Defendants' products is confusingly similar to use of the TRADESMAN marks by Plaintiff.
- 37. The unauthorized use by Defendants of a mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks to advertise and promote products identical to and/or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and/or

deception as to the source or origin of the products provided by Defendant, and as such infringes Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

- 38. Due to confusion created by Defendants' use of the TRADESMAN marks, Defendants have unjustly received the benefit of Plaintiff's advertising and promotion of and goodwill in the TRADESMAN marks and product line.
- 39. The TRADESMAN marks are willfully and intentionally used by Defendants with the intent to trade on and benefit from the goodwill associated with Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks and product line in the minds of purchasers.
- 40. Defendants' use of the TRADESMAN marks to identify its products is likely to mislead and misrepresent the source or origin of Defendants' products, and results in a false belief by consumers that Defendants' business is associated with Plaintiff and is authorized to use the TRADESMAN marks.
- As a result of Defendants' false or misleading representations, Plaintiff has 41. been damaged in an amount that is unknown and cannot at the present time be ascertained.
- 42. Unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to make false or misleading representations, to Plaintiff's continuing and irreparable injury for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

Count IV

Unfair Competition

- 43. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1-42 inclusive, and incorporates those paragraphs by reference herein.
- 44. By virtue of the foregoing acts, Defendants have used unfair methods of competition and unfair acts or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of a trade or commerce, all in violation of the Mass. Gen. Laws c. 93A, § 1 *et seq.* and the common law of unfair competition.
- 45. The unauthorized use by Defendants of a mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks to advertise and promote products identical to and/or substantially similar to those of Plaintiff is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and/or deception as to the source or origin of the products provided by Defendants, and as such is a violation of the common law of unfair competition and is an unfair trade practice under applicable law.
- 46. As a result of Defendants' unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount that is unknown and cannot at the present time be ascertained.
- 47. Unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to use unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable injury and harm for which Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, as relief, Plaintiff prays that:

- 1. Defendants, its owners, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, affiliates and all others in active concert or participation with it, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined and restrained from (1) using Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks, logos and other designations or indicia which are likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception with respect to Plaintiff's rights; (2) otherwise infringing rights in Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks, and (3) competing unfairly with Plaintiff.
- 2. Defendants account for and pay to Plaintiff such damages, together with prejudgment interest thereon, as Plaintiff has sustained as a consequence of Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's TRADESMAN marks, and account for and return to Plaintiff any money, profits and advantages wrongfully gained by Defendants because of such infringing actions.
- 3. Defendants account for and pay to Plaintiff such damages arising from Defendants' violations of the Lanham Act § 43(a), and Mass. Gen. Laws c. 93A, § 1 *et seq.*, and the common law of unfair competition.
- 4. Plaintiff be awarded treble damages due to Defendants' willful infringement.
- 5. Plaintiff be awarded its reasonable attorney's fees, costs, interest, and other expenses as allowed by 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), Mass. Gen. Laws c. 93A, § 9, or any other applicable provision.

- 6. Plaintiff be awarded its damages for injury to goodwill and reputation caused by Defendants.
- 7. Defendants be ordered to post in a publication approved by Plaintiff an advertisement acknowledging ownership by Plaintiff of the TRADESMAN marks, or issue a retraction or apology by other such means as approved by Plaintiff.
- 8. Plaintiff be awarded such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and equitable.

Jury Trial Demand

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Power Tool Specialists, Inc. demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Plaintiff

Respectfully submitted,

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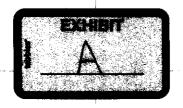
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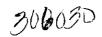
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